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The Memphis MPO Invites Community Review and Discussion of the Regional Transportation Plan's Final Draft

The final draft of the Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is now available for public evaluation. (The download is available at www.livability2040.com or www.memphismpo.org) Developed by the Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in partnership with local jurisdictions, regional agencies, Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), a series of public meetings will be held in November to provide opportunities for citizens of the Greater Memphis Region to comment on the plan before its adoption in early 2016.

"These are important sessions. The outcome will propel us forward into the next 20 years as a leader in transportation," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., Chairman of the Memphis MPO.

Public Meetings dates, times and locations are as follows:

RTP Public Meeting Monday November 16th, 2015	RTP Public Meeting Tuesday November 17th, 2015	RTP Public Meeting Tuesday November 17th, 2015
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM <i>Bartlett City Hall 6400 Stage Road Bartlett, TN 38134</i>	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM <i>DeSoto County Admin. Building 365 Loshier Street Hernando, MS 38632</i>	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM <i>Hickory Hill Comm. Center 3910 Ridgeway Road Memphis, TN 38115</i>

This 25-year plan (updated every four years to account for changing trends) maps out a fiscally sound distribution of federal transportation funds for the Greater Memphis Region.

It highlights various transportation modes, and positions the area as a more livable community. The RTP outlines policies as well as the long-range and short-range actions that support road, bicycle, pedestrian, freight, and transit needs throughout the region. It addresses issues raised in a two-year research and public outreach process that revealed prominent concerns regarding the importance of existing facility maintenance, connectivity of communities and resources, and transit improvements.

MPO Administrator Pragati Srivastava said, "We are very happy about the public response to the RTP planning process thus far as it will help us build a transportation system that meets the diverse needs of our community. We feel this plan provides safer and more convenient transportation options and will go a long way to improving



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the way people and goods move through our region. But we're not done yet. We still need ideas from the various communities.

The RTP, nearly ready for implementation, has one last task to complete: The MPO needs the community to review the final draft and offer input at its November public meetings. Final adoption is scheduled to begin in early 2016.

The Memphis MPO, created in 1977, is responsible for the transportation policy development, planning, and programming for the counties of Shelby and Fayette, Tennessee, and DeSoto and Marshall Counties, Mississippi. Federal Regulations require that a MPO be designated to carry out a comprehensive, continuing and coordinated ("3-C") transportation planning process for urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or more.

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